

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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MARINE EXPORT
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of marine products/fisheries exported from their producing States, particularly West Bengal during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Central Government is extending necessary help and assistance to each of the producing States to increase the quantum of marine products/fisheries export; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including infrastructural support?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) The State-wise figures of exports of marine products are not maintained. However, the total quantity of marine products exported from India, including through the ports of West Bengal have been as follows:

Quantity in Tonnes		
Year	Exports of marine products	Of which, through ports of West Bengal
2001-02	4,24,470	17,692
2002-03	4,67,297	17,619
2003-04	4,12,017	18,001

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has been implementing a number of schemes to boost the exports of marine products. These schemes include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; marketing support; etc. Further, Government has also been taking necessary steps to build up infrastructure facilities.